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# Letter dated 14 February 2008 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1518 (2003) addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1518 (2003) (see annex), containing an account of the Committee's activities from 1 January to 31 December 2007. The report, which was adopted by the Committee on 6 February 2008, is being submitted in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council of 29 March 1995 (S/1995/234).

(*Signed*) Michel **Kafando**
Chairman
Security Council Committee established
pursuant to resolution 1518 (2003)

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## Annex

### Annual report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1518 (2003)

1. The present report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1518 (2003) covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2007.

2. The previous report of the Committee, submitted to the Security Council on 1 February 2007 (S/2007/51), covered the period from 1 January to 31 December 2006.

3. Nana Effah-Apenteng (Ghana) served as the Committee's Chairman for the first five months of 2007, while Leslie Kojo Christian (Ghana) served as Chairman for the last seven months of 2007; the delegation of Belgium served as the Committee's Vice-Chairman for the full reporting period (see S/2007/20 and S/2007/461).

4. The Committee was established by Security Council resolution 1518 (2003) of 24 November 2003 to continue to identify, in accordance with paragraphs 19 and 23 of resolution 1483 (2003), individuals and entities whose funds, other financial assets and economic resources should be frozen and transferred to the Development Fund for Iraq. According to paragraph 23 of resolution 1483 (2003), the freeze and transfer apply to funds, other financial assets and economic resources of individuals and entities associated with the former Iraqi regime, i.e. funds, other financial assets and economic resources removed from Iraq or acquired by Saddam Hussein or other senior officials of the former Iraqi regime and their immediate family members, including entities owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by them or by persons acting on their behalf or at their direction; as well as to funds, other financial assets and economic resources of the previous Government of Iraq or its State bodies, corporations, or agencies, located outside Iraq.

5. Although the Committee did not hold any meetings in 2007, its members considered several issues brought to their attention. In particular, the Committee considered communications from Iraq and other countries containing requests to list five individuals and de-list three individuals. By the end of the reporting period, the Committee had not arrived at a decision regarding those requests and they remain under the Committee's consideration.

6. The Committee also considered some communications from Iraq in which its authorities were seeking clarification on assets reportedly belonging to the Iraqi authorities and therefore to be transferred to the Development Fund of Iraq in accordance with resolution 1483 (2003). The Chairman of the Committee conducted intensive consultations with a view to determining to what extent the issues brought to the attention of the Committee at the request of Iraq were within the mandate of the Committee. The Committee agreed to play a facilitating role and addressed two letters in the autumn of 2007 to two States, seeking from them information on the status of the assets in question.

7. The Chairman's position in his personal capacity on the work of the Committee was pronounced on 17 December 2007 (see S/PV.5806).

8. The assets-freeze list is available at the Committee's website, http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1518/index.shtml.